

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on January 18, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 78, 1/10/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:01 Chairman Tropila

00:00:09 Sen. Gallus

HEARING ON SB 78

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:31 **SEN. LANE LARSON (D)**, SD 22, opened the hearing on **SB 78**, Clarify stream access from bridges.

EXHIBIT(fis12a01)

Proponents:

00:08:20 Hal Harper, Governor's Office

00:10:21 Pam Bucy, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:11:06 Steve Bullock, Attorney, Helena

00:13:10 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis12a02)

00:17:08 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited

00:21:14 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation Association

EXHIBIT(fis12a03)

00:25:55 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

00:28:15 Sara Cobler, Montana Conservation Voters

00:28:56 John Ostlund, Yellowstone County Commissioner

00:29:58 Ed Tinsley, Lewis & Clark County Commissioner

00:30:46 Chris Marchion, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:33:06 Bob Gilbert, Executive Director, Montana Walleye

00:33:23 Tim Reardon, Department of Transportation

00:34:17 Robin Cunningham, Private Land and Wildlife Issue

00:35:13 John Gibson, Billings Rod and Gun Club

00:36:43 Jack Dejonges, Self

00:43:54 Tony Schoonen, Public Lands and Water Association

EXHIBIT(fis12a04)

00:45:04 Molly Immen, Montana Audubon

EXHIBIT(fis12a05)

00:45:37 Bill Holdorf, Butte Skyline Sportsman

EXHIBIT(fis12a06)

00:47:39 Leroy Mehring, Butte Skyline Sportsman

00:48:07 Ann Post, self

00:48:33 Will Murray, Montana Trout Unlimited

00:49:09 Ed Coleman, self

EXHIBIT(fis12a07)

00:52:14 Lorry Thomas

00:49:41 Joe Gutkoski, Montana River Action

00:50:34 Patrick Straub, Fishing Outfitter

00:50:48 Toby Day, Self

00:50:01 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters

00:51:43 Tim Ravndal, Montana Multiple Use Association

Opponents:

00:52:42 John Bloomquist, Attorney, Montana Stockgrowers
Association

EXHIBIT(fis12a08)

01:09:04 Lance Lovell, Lovell Law Firm, P.C.

EXHIBIT(fis12a09)

01:16:21 Carla Johnson, Montana Cattle Women
01:17:06 George Trischman, Landowner
01:22:01 Dave McClure, President, Montana Farm Bureau
01:24:23 Pat Torgerson, Montana Women Involved in Farm Economics
(WIFE)
01:25:01 Red Finke, Self
01:26:47 Tucker Hughes, Rancher, Judith Basin County
Commissioner
01:28:37 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resource Association
01:30:18 Allen Wright, Montana Multi Use Association
01:31:23 Bryan Mussard, Dillon

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:32:51 Sen. Tash to Chris Smith, FWP
01:36:49 Sen. Hansen to Chris Smith, FWP
01:41:07 Sen. Balyeat to Chris Smith. FWP
01:42:45 Sen. Balyeat to Bob Lane, Attorney for FWP
01:45:31 Sen. Bales to Chris Smith, FWP
01:46:51 Sen. Bales to Bob Lane, FWP
01:53:29 Sen. Barkus to Chris Smith, FWP
01:56:13 Sen. Barkus to Bob Lane, Attorney for FWP
01:57:35 Sen. Barkus to Sen. Larson
02:00:24 Sen. Tash to Pam Bucy, DOJ
02:01:51 Sen. Tash to Bob Lane, Attorney for FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

02:03:25 Sen. Larson

Discussion:

02:09:22 Sen. Gallus

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:35 P.M.

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

JT/cj

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fis12aad.pdf](#))